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I, Michael J. Kubek, do hereby declare as follows:

1. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1967 from the University of Dayton, a Master of Science degree in Endocrinology in 1969 from the University of Dayton, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroendocrinology in 1975 from the University of Rochester School of Medicine. Following my graduate work, I was employed as a postdoctoral fellow in the Center for Endocrinology, Metabolism and Nutrition at Northwestern University School of Medicine from 1975 - 1978.

2. I have been employed as a Professor in the Indiana University School of Medicine from 1978 to the present. Since 1987, I have been an Associate Professor of Neurobiology and an Associate Professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology in the Indiana University School of Medicine. Prior to my current position, I was an Assistant Professor of Anatomy and Neurobiology from 1982 - 1987, and an Assistant Professor of Anatomy from 1978 - 1982 in the Indiana University School of Medicine.

3. I am the author or co-author of over 40 peer-reviewed research papers, as well as several book chapters, in the fields of neurobiology, neuroendocrinology, and nanotechnology, as set forth in the attached Biographical Sketch.

4. I am the named inventor in the present application. The present invention relates to a method for selectively increasing glutamate and/or aspartate release in a central nervous system locus in a site-specific manner comprising the steps of: selecting a central nervous system locus; and providing prolonged release of thyrotropin-releasing hormone *in situ* at the central nervous system locus over a period of time by placing at least one biodegradable, non-bursting, non-spherical microstructure into the central nervous system locus, wherein the microstructure comprises 1 - 90% thyrotropin-releasing hormone and the remainder a biodegradable matrix.

5. Given that biodegradable drug-releasing implants are inserted into specific loci in the brain to deliver local drug therapy, maintaining the location of the implant throughout the entire degradation cycle is important to maintain effective therapy. Assuming that constructs of all shapes and sizes degrade at a uniform rate proportionate to their surface area, a spherical implant of any size will shrink from its original size to a size where its largest cross section is not of sufficient size to prevent construct migration through the intercellular space. This property enables spherical implants to migrate away from the intended therapeutic region during degradation.

6. Unlike a spherical construct, a non-spherical construct with a length greater than its width, such as a cylinder, microdisk, or a rod, would be able to maintain a one dimensional length of sufficient size throughout the entire degradation process, thereby preventing migration during construct degradation. While both spherical and non-spherical constructs degrade at a constant rate proportionate to their surface area, only the non-spherical construct can maintain a sufficiently large one-dimensional length to prevent diffusion of the implant over the entire degradation of the construct, enabling the therapy provider to more closely control the location of drug delivery.

7. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so

made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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University of Dayton, Dayton, OH	M.S.	1969	Endocrinology
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A. Positions and Honors.

POSITIONS AND EMPLOYMENT

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B. Selected peer-reviewed publications (in chronological order).

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Pending

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